

Yukon Kuskowim Health Corporation (YKHC)  
Final Report for Denali Commission Health Facilities Program  
Community of Nightmute

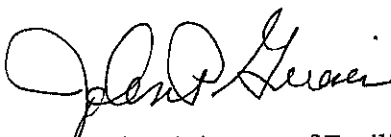
Scope of Project: Construction of new Health Clinic

Deficiencies Requiring Correction:

The old health clinic was constructed in 1982 and, over time, had fallen out of compliance with current building and safety codes. Also, the facility lacked compliance with access standards prescribed by the Americans with Disabilities Act. As the health corporation's community based health services expanded, facility space was quickly maximized. The multitude of the corrections required to bring the old facility up to code warranted the construction of a new facility.

Impact of Improvements Upon the Community/Region:

The new 2000 SF clinic was completed in December 2002 utilizing the Denali Commission-YKHC prototype designs. It contains exam rooms, dental operatory, itinerate quarters, behavioral health office, administration office, and pharmacy. The new clinic allows for itinerate dentists to provide services without the need of transporting a portable dental set. Community behavioral health services are now collocated with the health clinic, providing improved communication between the health counselor and community health practitioner. Also, itinerate quarters allow traveling staff to remain close to the clinic to extend their operating hours or provide assistance to the Community Health Practitioner during "after-hours" emergencies. In summary, the new clinic provides a modern, well-lit, and safe environment for the delivery of health services to the residents of Nightmute. The Clinic was funded from grants by the Denali Commission (\$310,742), Indian Health Service Tribal Equipment Fund (\$87,029), and Housing & Urban Development Indian Community Development Block Grant program (\$499,487).



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